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TABLE 2.1 Ground Water Case Study—Various Roles of Government Units for Consideration in the Protection of Ground Water

Governmental
Level Information Planning
Standards and Enforcement
Public Process
Federal USGS
EPA
National water quality data, surf ace/ground.
Assesses national ground water conditions and provides technical advice to states.
Conducts local studies or portions of studies jointly with states or local agencies.
Provides grants conditioned on establishing self-sufficient continuing planning. Conducts basic national health research.
Provides technical data on
resource conditions to EPA and states.
Establishes national standards and provides technical and scientific basis for state standards. Supports states in enforcement of standards. Initiates national source control.
Provides information from data storage and studies.
Is national focus of scientific and public dialogue on ground water protection strategy.